

B. Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs as shown.

[0044] Fixably connected to the brain plate 56 is an escutcheon 98. The escutcheon 98 has pivotally mounted thereto a grip lever 100 about pivot pins 101 aligned with generally horizontal second axis 102. The grip lever 100 extends forward of an extreme end 32 of the second door. Accordingly, the grip lever 100 is accessible from an exterior of the vehicle body 10 when the first door 22 is in the open position. The grip lever has a first finger 104 which extends in a generally horizontal direction generally perpendicular to the second axis 102. The first finger 104 extends through an upper opening 105 in the brain plate 56. (Figure 13.)

[0045] Pulling the grip lever 100 towards the exterior of the vehicle body 7 (Figures 12 and 13) causes the second first finger 104 to contact the tab 84 to cause the second pivot lever 82 to rotate ~~as shown in Figure 8~~ in a first angular counterclockwise direction from a position shown in Figure 13. The counterclockwise rotation of the second pivot lever 82 causes it to force the first pivot lever 58 to rotate counterclockwise by virtue of the entrapped slot pin 80 imparting the movement of the second pivot lever 82 to the first pivot lever 58. The counterclockwise rotation of the first pivot lever 58, as mentioned previously, causes a pull upon release cables 64 and ~~62~~ 72 and therefore unlatches the second door 28 from its latched connections 42 and 46 with the vehicle body opening 16.

[0046] The grip lever 100 also has a second finger 106. The second finger 106 extends within a lower opening 108 provided in the plate 56. As can be seen in Figure 5 the grip lever 100 is always accessible from the interior of the vehicle body 7 even when the first door 22 is in the closed position. Pulling the grip lever 100 towards the interior (Figures 14 and 15) of the vehicle causes the second finger 106 to contact the second contact surface 86 of the second pivot lever 82. Again, this motion causes the second pivot lever 82 to rotate in a counterclockwise direction as shown in Figure 15 and accordingly, the latched connections 42 and ~~48~~ 46 are released from their respective strikers.

[0049] The upward movement of the rod ~~120~~ 118 will cause the lock-out lever to be urged in a generally counterclockwise direction (Figure 16) causing the slot pin 80 to be engaged or captured within the detent portion 96 of the second pivot lever. Accordingly, motion of the

second pivot lever 82 imparted by either pulling or pushing on the grip lever 100 will cause a unlatching of the second door 28. If the first (front) door 22 is in its closed position, the key 30 will be pushed inwardly against the action of the spring 122 and the L-shaped lever will be pivoted in a generally counterclockwise direction as shown in Figures 17 and 20 causing the rod 118 to be pulled downward.

[0050] The above noted action will cause the lock-out lever 110 to be rotated in a clockwise direction (Figure 20). The clockwise rotation of the lever 110 will cause the slot pin 80 to be taken out of the detent portion 96 of the second lever 82 and accordingly, the slot pin 80 will be in a portion of the pin slot 94 of the second pivot lever wherein movement of the second pivot lever 82 will not move the pin slot. When movement of the second pivot lever 82 does not impart movement to the slot pin 80, the release mechanism 54 is deactivated and the release lever 100 can be pushed or pulled without affecting release of the latch mechanisms 42 and ~~48~~ 46. Accordingly, whenever the first door 22 is in the closed position, the release mechanism 54 is essentially deactivated.

[0053] Adjacent to the first door ~~24~~ 22, the second door 28 has a first section 222 wherein the inner panel 204 and reinforcement panel 220 are closely laterally mated together. The brain plate 56 has an integral upper L-shaped connector tab 224 and a lower L-shaped connector tab 226. Connecting the upper connector tab 224 to the first section 222 of the second door are two screws 230 secured by nuts 232. Connecting the brain plate lower connector tab 226 to the first section 220 of the door is another connector screw 230 along with an associated nut 232.

[0055] The interior panel 204 along its exterior side has an adhesively joined window opening reinforcement panel ~~270~~ 271 to add strength to the door adjacent the window opening. In a similar fashion, the exterior door panel 202 has a window opening reinforcement panel 272 adhesively joined thereto on its interior side.